GRANTED ISSUES

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ISSUES GRANTED FEBRUARY 10, 2016

PDR NO.	NAME	COUNTY	OFFENSE	
15-1124	WILLIAMS, JAMES EARL	McLENNAN	MURDER	

Whether Appellant is entitled to dismissal of his indictment in 2012-623-C2, which alleges an offense date of June 12, 1998, on the ground that he is entitled to specific performance of a plea agreement entered into in 2002 pursuant to which the State agreed to refuse any other unfiled case of which they had notice.

ALPHABETICAL LISTING WITHOUT ISSUES

PDR NO.	<u>NAME</u>	DATE GRANTED
15-0143	AMBROSE, CYNTHIA	05/20/15
15-0290	ANTHONY, JOHN DENNIS CLAYTON	05/20/15
15-1087	BAILEY, LAJUAN CECILE	01/13/16
14-1087	BRODNEX, IKE ANTYON	11/05/14
15-0992	BURKS, ANTWAIN	11/25/15
15-0213	BYRD, THOMAS LEON	05/20/15
14-1341	CARY, STACY STINE	03/25/15
15-0445	CARY, DAVID FREDERICK	07/01/15
15-0681	CLEMENT, DAVID LEE, JR.	09/16/15
15-0077	COLE, STEVEN	04/22/15
15-1283	CRAWFORD, MILTON RAY	01/27/16
14-1514	DABNEY, RÓNNIE LEON	03/04/15
15-1094	DARCY, CHRISTOPHER EARL	11/11/15
15-1238	DRUMMOND, JIMMY EARL	01/27/16
15-0429	DURAN, FRANCISCO	07/01/15
14-1039	ELIZONDO, JOSE GUADALUPE RODRIGUE	ZZ01/28/15
15-1369	FEBUS, ALBERT JUNIOR	02/03/16
14-1473	FINLEY, WILLIAM BRYAN, III	03/18/15
15-1189	FLORES, MAYRA	01/27/16
15-0212	FURR, CHRIS	06/10/15
15-0887	HANKSTON, GAREIC JERARD	02/03/16
15-0180	HARKCOM, PATRICIA ELIZABETH	05/20/15
15-0257	HENLEY, GREGORY SHAWN	06/17/15
15-0511	HENRY, ALVIN PETER, JR.	10/07/15
15-0019-22	HILL, ALBERT G., III	06/10/15
15-0794	HOPKINS, ESSIE D.	09/16/15
14-0433	HUSE, HAYDEN	09/17/14
15-0469-72	ISBELL, JOHN B.	09/16/15
15-0832	JENKINS, JAMES ALAN	09/16/15
14-1496	JOHNSON, JOE DALE	04/22/15
15-0587	JONES, ANDREW OLEVIA	08/26/15
14-1340	KENT, KEVIN LAVELLE	02/04/15
15-0072	LEMING, JAMES EDWARD	04/22/15
15-0480	LONDON, JOSHUA	06/24/15
15-0984	LONG, WENDEE	11/04/15
14-1263	McGRUDER, MICHAEL ANTHONY	01/28/15
15-1054/5	METTS, ANTHONY AUSTIN	02/03/16
15-0847/8	MILES, KOJUAN J.	12/09/15
15-0891	MILLER, ARTHUR FRANKLIN, JR.	01/13/16
14-1634	MOORE, AARON JACOB	04/22/15
15-0758	MORGAN, DEWAN	09/16/15
14-0851/52	NIXON, REGINALD	09/24/14
15-1067	PERRY, JAMES RICHARD "RICK"	10/07/15
15-1100	PROENZA, ABRAHAM JACOB	01/13/16
15-0974	ROBINSON, OLIN ANTHONY	11/04/15
15-0372	SANCHEZ, LUIS	07/01/15
14-1505	SCHLITTLER, DAVID	02/25/15
15-0526	SCHUNIOR, VICTOR MANUEL, JR.	09/16/15
15-0597	SHORTT, BERNARD WINFIELD	09/16/15
15-0599	SIMPSON, MARK TWAIN	09/23/15
14-1615	SMITH, WILLLIAM aka BILL	02/11/15
15-0122	STEVENSON, ERIC DWAYNE	04/29/15
15-1051	SUTTON, CHRISTOPHER LEE	01/27/16
15-0730	TATE, DALLAS CARL	10/14/15

NUMERICAL LISTING WITH ISSUES GRANTED

14-0433 HUSE, HAYDEN APPELLANT'S L

LUBBOCK

09/17/14 DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED

1. After State v. Hardy, does a citizen have standing to challenge the process by which his medical records are obtained?

2. Must the State comply with federal requirements under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) to obtain a citizen's medical records, and if it fails to do so, is there any remedy?

14-0635 WEEMS, DANIEL JAMES BEXAR

08/20/14 DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED

- 1. Are the "established exceptions" to the "warrant requirement" the exclusive way of determining whether a particular warrantless search or seizure is reasonable under the Fourth Amendment?
- 2. Is a warrantless, nonconsensual search administered in compliance with Transportation Code section 724.012(b) reasonable under the Fourth Amendment?
- 3. Did the court of appeals err in its interpretation of section 724.012(b) by suggesting that the statute does not dispense with a search warrant?
- 4. Did the court of appeals err in its conclusion that there were no exigent circumstances?

14-0851 NIXON, REGINALD

09/24/14

14-0852

APPELLANT'S

TARRANT

BURGLARY OF HABITATION; EVADING ARREST

Is the general rule of Muniz v. State, 573 S.W.2d 792 (Tex. Crim. App. 1978) – permitting trial courts to order juries to reconsider sentencing verdicts that do not comply with applicable statutes – partially superseded by the later and more specific Tex. Code Crim. Pro Art. 37.10(b), under which a sentencing verdict containing both authorized and unauthorized punishment is not to be rejected and sent for reconsideration, but simply reformed to reflect only the authorized portion?

14-1039 ELIZONDO, JOSE GUADALUPE RODRIGUEZ 01/28/15 APPELLANT'S HIDALGO MURDER

- 2. The court of appeals should have analyzed all the elements of *Smith v. State* before determining that Elizondo provoked the second altercation.
- 3. The court of appeals affirmed on a jury charge that was grossly incorrect by ignoring and then misapplying this Court's precedent.

14-1087 BRODNEX, IKE ANTYON COURT'S OWN MOTION MIDLAND

11/05/14 POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

Does an officer have reasonable suspicion to detain a suspect based upon observing the suspect walking with another person at 2 a.m. in an area known for narcotics activity and based upon the officer's unsubstantiated belief that the suspect is a "known criminal?"

14-1263 McGRUDER, MICHAEL ANTHONY APPELLANT'S BRAZOS

01/28/15 DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED

Did the Court of Appeals err in finding the Appellant's facial constitutional challenge to the Texas Transportation Code Section 724.012(b)(3)(B) failed and presumed the statute to be constitutionally valid?

14-1340 KENT, KEVIN LAVELLE 02/04/15 STATE'S HARRIS THEFT

1. The court of appeals should not have reversed the trial court's decision to reject the appellant's proposed application paragraph because the paragraph was not authorized by the indictment and was an incorrect statement of the law.

- 2. The court of appeals erred in holding that jurors must unanimously agree beyond a reasonable doubt on each underlying transaction used to comprise an aggregate theft charge.
- 3 The court of appeals erred in finding that the appellant was harmed by any unanimity error in the jury charge because his defense was not predicated on isolating one transaction from another.

14-1341 CARY, STACY STINE APPELLANT'S COLLIN

03/25/15 BRIBERY; ENGAGING IN ORGANIZED CRIMINAL ACTIVITY; MONEY LAUNDERING

- 1. The State Affirmatively Proved Ms. Cary's Innocence By Proving That The Alleged Bribes Were "Political Contributions."
- 2. The Evidence Was Insufficient To Show The Requisite Consideration To Support The Bribery Convictions.
- 3. The Evidence Was Insufficient To Show That Appellant Had The Requisite Intent To Commit Bribery.
- 4. The Evidence Was Insufficient To Support Ms. Cary's Conviction For Engaging In Organized Criminal Activity And Money Laundering.

14-1429 WALKER, KENNETH NEAL APPELLANT'S SMITH

10/14/15 INJURY TO A CHILD

- 1. The Court of Appeals erred in finding legally sufficient evidence in this case, and allows this Court to reexamine the issue of factually sufficient evidence from *Brooks v. State*, 323 S.W.3d 893 (Tex. Crim. App. 2010).
- 2. The Court of Appeals erred in allowing a speculative verdict to stand in contrast to this Court's instructions.

14-1430 WALKER, SHELLEY APPELLANT'S SMITH

10/14/15 INJURY TO A CHILD

- 1. The Court of Appeals erred in finding legally sufficient evidence in this case, and allows this Court to reexamine the issue of factually sufficient evidence from *Brooks v. State*, 323 S.W.3d 893 (Tex. Crim. App. 2010).
- 2. The Court of Appeals erred in allowing a speculative verdict to stand in contrast to this Court's instructions.

14-1473 FINLEY, WILLIAM BRYAN, III APPELLANT'S WILLIAMSON

03/18/15 RESISTING ARREST

When a person attempts to evade an unlawful arrest by refusing to comply with the officers' attempt to effectuate the arrest, while using no offensive force against the officers, has this person committed the crime of Resisting Arrest?

14-1496 JOHNSON, JOE DALE APPELLANT'S WICHITA

04/22/15
AGGRAVATED SEXUAL
ASSAULT; INDECENCY
W/CHILD

- 1. The Court of Appeals sitting en banc erred in overturning its majority opinion holding that Confrontation and Due Process were offended when the trial court barred cross examination of the State's complaining witness of the eve of trial given: 1) the State's only evidence was this witness' outcry and Appellant's sole defense at trial depended entirely upon the barred cross examination and 2) the State created a false impression of the complaining witness which Appellant was entitled to correct through cross examination.
- 2. The justices of the Second Court of Appeals disagree as to the application of Confrontation and cross examination of a complaining witness who had molested his younger sister for a number of years before and after the outcry against Appellant.

14-1505 SCHLITTLER, DAVID APPELLANT'S ANDERSON

02/25/15 IMPROPER CONTACT W/VICTIM

- 1.Did the Twelfth Court of Appeals err by holding that Section 38.111, Penal Code, as applied to Schlittler, does not violate the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution?
- 2.Did the Twelfth Court of Appeals err by holding that Section 38.111, Penal Code, as applied to Schlittler, does not violate the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution?

14-1514 DABNEY, RONNIE LEON WICHITA

03/04/15 MANUFACTURE OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

1. Did the Memorandum Opinion incorrectly add a notice requirement for rebuttal evidence that the State used to rebut Appellant's defensive theory after Appellant's counsel opened the door to such evidence in voir dire and in opening statement?

2. Did the Memorandum Opinion ignore the Court of Criminal Appeals' directive that a trial judge is afforded almost absolute deference in determining whether a prosecutor acted willfully and thereby improperly substitute its judgment for the trial judge's in finding the prosecutor was engaging in gamesmanship instead of legitimately rebutting a defensive theory?

3. Did the Memorandum Opinion, in its harm analysis, improperly ignore the overwhelming evidence of Appellant's guilt, including the fact that he absconded during trial and was absent for closing arguments at guilt/innocence?

14-1615 SMITH, WILLIAM aka BILL NUECES

02/11/15 DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED

1. Whether the implied consent and mandatory blood draw provisions of the Texas Transportation Code are a constitutionally valid alternative to the warrant requirement.

2. Whether the defendant preserves his Fourth Amendment objection to blood evidence when he fails to object to testimony concerning the results of testing done on that blood and only later objects to admission of the blood sample itself.

14-1634 MOORE, AARON JACOB STATE'S FORT

FORT BEND

04/22/15 AGGRAVATED SEXUAL ASSAULT

2. Does the court of appeals's construction of "the state" in Section 54.02(j)(4)(A), Family Code require dismissal of a case with prejudice without consideration of the factors for oppressive delay in violation of the separation of powers doctrine?

15-0019 HILL, ALBERT G., III

06/10/15

15-0020

15-0021 15-0022

APPELLANT'S

DALLAS

MAKING FALSE STATEMENT TO OBTAIN PROPERTY OR CREDIT; SECURING EXECUTION OF A DOCUMENT BY DECEPTION

To establish a prima facie case of selective prosecution in violation of the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments, and to obtain a hearing under the "presumption of prosecutorial vindictiveness" method, a defendant must provide "some evidence" that shows:
(1) the government singled out the defendant for prosecution and has not proceeded against others similarly situated based on the type of conduct for which the defendant is charged; and (2) the government's discriminatory selection is invidious. Once the defendant makes this showing, the burden shifts to the State to justify the discriminatory treatment.

Appellee asks this Court to clarify what constitutes "some evidence" and find that so long as a defendant attaches a proffer of evidence to a motion to dismiss due to prosecutorial misconduct that the trial court in its discretion determines to be a colorable claim of a constitutional violation, the defendant has attached "some evidence," and a trial court should be permitted to conduct a hearing on the motion to dismiss.

Appellee not only attached "some evidence" showing a constitutional violation, but in fact attached "exceptionally clear evidence." As a result, the Court of Appeals erred when it: (1) sustained the State's second issue and concluded that Appellee "did not make the proper showing sufficient to establish a prima facie case..." of the fact that the former elected district attorney of Dallas County engaged in prosecutorial misconduct by allowing himself to be corruptly influenced by Blue in return for indicting Appellee; (2) found that the trial court erred in conducting a hearing on Appellee's motion to dismiss based upon prosecutorial misconduct; (3) vacated the trial court's Order Granting Motion to Dismiss; and (4) remanded the case to the trial court to reinstate the indictments against Appellee.

15-0061 STATE'S WOOD, CARLTON

BEXAR

04/22/15 EVADING ARREST W/MOTOR VEHICLE

1. The Court of Appeals erred by refusing to apply a presumption that the defendant pled true to the enhancement.

2. Where the trial court finds an enhancement true and the defendant does not object, the presumption should be applied.

3. The evidence supported the court's finding of true, contrary to the Court of Appeals' holding.

15-0072 LEMING, JAMES EDWARD GREGG

04/22/15 DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED

1. Must a movement into another lane of traffic be unsafe before it can be deemed a violation of Tex. Transp. Code §545.060(a)?

2. Should a tip be deemed reliable when a person calls police to report erratic driving, provides his first name, remains on the telephone with the dispatcher, and follows the suspect's car until an officer arrives and the officer is able to independently corroborate information the caller provided?

3. Did the court of appeals err by reversing the trial judge's ruling on a motion to suppress that Appellant committed a traffic violation when the same facts objectively demonstrated reasonable suspicion?

15-0077 COLE, STEVEN STATE'S

GREGG

04/22/15 INTOXICATION MANSLAUGHTER

1. Did the Court of Appeals conduct an incorrect exigent circumstances analysis when it required proof of a "now or never" level of urgency?

- 2. Were exigent circumstances present to draw Appellant's blood without a warrant when the accident created a substantial period of delay before blood could be drawn, the officer knew that it typically took one to one and a half hours to obtain a warrant, and he suspected the defendant was under the influence of illegal drugs as opposed to alcohol, which has a predictable rate of elimination?
- 3. Does a warrantless blood draw conducted pursuant to Tex. Transp. Code § 724.012(b) violate the Fourth Amendment?
 4. If a warrantless blood draw conducted pursuant to Tex. Transp. Code § 724.012(b) violates the Fourth Amendment, must that evidence be suppressed when, at the time of the search, the statute was presumptively valid and that it dispensed with the warrant requirement?

15-0078 **VASQUEZ, JOSE STATE'S**

HARRIS

04/15/15 **CAPITAL MURDER**

- 1. The lower court's majority opinion erred in holding that the appellant preserved his two-step interrogation complaint for
- 2. The lower court's majority opinion erred in holding that the appellant was subject to custodial interrogation prior to receiving and waiving his legal rights.
- 3. The lower court's majority opinion erred in holding that a two-step interrogation technique was deliberately employed by the
- 4. The lower court's majority opinion erred in holding that the appellant was harmed by the admission of his statement when there was overwhelming evidence of the appellant's guilt independent of his statement to the police.

STEVENSON, ERIC DWAYNE APPELLANT'S **TARRANT**

VIOLATING CIVIL COMMITMENT REQUIREMENT FOR SEXUALLY VIOLENT **PREDATOR**

- 1. The convictions on Count I, Count II, and Count III are for the same offense for double jeopardy purposes.
- 2. The trial court had no jurisdiction in this case because the prior jurisdictional judgment was on appeal and was, therefore, not a final judgment.
- 3. The trial court erred by denying Appellant's motion to quash the indictment.
- 4. The trial court erred by denying Appellant's motion for directed verdict.
- 5. The trial court erred by sustaining the State's relevance objection to Appellant's proffered evidence that the commitment order was on appeal.

AMBROSE, CYNTHIA 15-0143 **APPELLEE'S BEXAR**

05/20/15 OFFICIAL OPPRESSION

- 1. When a trial judge issues findings of fact and conclusions of law that find a defendant suffered egregious harm from unobjected to jury charge error, does applying the Almanza egregious harm standard on appellate review violate and conflict with Texas (Ex parte Wheeler, 203 S.W.3d 317 (Tex. Crim. App., 2006)) and United States Supreme Court (Oregon v. Kennedy, 456 U.S. 667 (1982)) precedent that a reviewing court must defer to a lower court's factual findings?
- 2. Under the egregious harm standard, does an appellate court violate Texas (Ex parte Wheeler, 203 S.W.3d 317 (Tex. Crim. App., 2006)) and United States Supreme Court (Oregon v. Kennedy, 456 U.S. 667 (1982)) precedent when it ignores a trial court's factual findings and substitutes its own view of the evidence for that of the trial?
- 3. If the egregious harm standard does apply on direct review in this case, did the appellate court correctly apply the egregious harm standard when it only considered the testimony that supported the state's case and not "the entire jury charge, the state of the evidence, including the contested issues and weight of probative evidence, the argument of counsel and any other relevant information revealed by the record of the trial as a whole" as required by Almanza v. State, 686 S.W.2d 157 (Tex. Crim. App. 1984).

15-0180 HARKCOM, PATRICIA ELIZABETH **HOOD** APPELLANT'S

05/20/15 POSSESSION OF**METHAMPHETAMINE**

Did the Court of Appeals disregard the perfection of appeal rules set forth in Few v. State, 230 S.W.3d 184 (Tex. Crim. App. 2007) and Texas Rules of Appellate Procedure 25.2(c)(2)?

15-0212 FURR, CHRIS APPELLANT'S

NUECES

06/10/15 POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

Whether the Court of Appeals erred in holding that, under its view of *Florida v. J.L.*, 529 U.S. 266 (2000), an anonymous tip that a unidentified pedestrian is doing drugs near a homeless shelter, without more, is sufficient to justify a police officer's stop and frisk of a pedestrian the police find near that location?

15-0213 BYRD, THOMAS LEON

APPELLANT'S McLENNAN

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POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED

SUBSTANCE;

05/20/15

EVADING ARREST OR

DETENTION

2. Whether a trial court may order a sentence to run consecutively with a future parole revocation.

15-0257 HENI STATE'S

HENLEY, GREGORY SHAWN TARRANT

06/17/15

ASSAULT- FAMILY VIOLENCE

Is a person justified in using force against another to prevent an absent third party from possibly using unlawful force in the future?

15-0290 ANTHONY, JOHN DENNIS CLAYTON BAILEY

05/20/15

AGGRAVATED SEXUAL

ASSAULT

1. When Appellant pled guilty to sexual assault of a child under fourteen, did the court of appeals err by holding that he was ineligible for deferred adjudication because the child was under six, based on an unexplained finding in the judgment that was not pled, supported by the record, or orally pronounced?

2. Did the court of appeals err by finding deficient performance and prejudice due to counsel's advice that Appellant was eligible for deferred adjudication when there was no evidence of how counsel advised Appellant, no evidence of how that advice affected

the plea, and Appellant actually received deferred adjudication?

3. Did the court of appeals err by finding ineffective assistance of counsel based on an unexplained finding in the judgment without addressing the State's threshold arguments about the validity of the judgment entry, preservation, and estoppel?

15-0292 WOLFE, JENNIFER BANNER APPELLANT'S TARRANT

09/16/15 INJURY TO A CHILD

- 1. Whether the Court of Appeals wrongly decided that the Appellant's point of error that the trial court abused its discretion by admitting unreliable expert testimony of abusive head trauma based solely on a constellation of symptoms did not fairly include the issue whether the expert testimony was unreliable given this specific injured party's history.
- 2. Whether the Court of Appeals wrongly decided that the trial court did not abuse its discretion by admitting unreliable expert testimony of abusive head trauma based solely on a constellation of symptoms.

15-0372 SANCHEZ, LUIS APPELLANT'S

ECTOR

ASSAULT- FAMILY VIOLENCE

- 1.A resolution is necessary of the disagreement amongst the justices of the Appellate Court as to whether a defendant can be convicted of assaulting his spouse based solely on their past dating relationship under Tex. Penal Code Ann. §§ 22.01(b)(2) and Tex. Fam. Code § 71.0021(b).
- 2.An important question of state law is presented that has not been, but should be, settled by this Court as to whether a defendant can be convicted of assaulting his spouse based solely on their past dating relationship under Tex. Penal Code Ann. §§ 22.01(b)(2) and Tex. Fam. Code § 71.0021(b).

15-0429 DURAN, FRANCISCO CAMERON

07/01/15 BURGLARY OF A HABITATION

The Court of Appeals erred in affirming and modifying the judgment of conviction.

15-0445 STATE'S CARY, DAVID FREDERICK COLLIN 07/01/15
BRIBERY,
MONEY LAUNDERING,
ENGAGING IN ORGANIZED
CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Does an appellate court give proper deference to a jury's finding that the State proved---beyond a reasonable doubt---that the predicate bribery payments were not intended to be "political contributions," when that court focuses on only the evidence tending to *negate* the finding, and fails to consider the totality of the evidence in *support* of the finding, including the rational inferences therefrom?

15-0469 ISBELL, JOHN B. 09/16/15

15-0470

15-0471 15-0472

STATE'S TARRANT EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION, ASSAULT (2 CTS),

DEADLY CONDUCT

1. Did the court of appeals employ a deficient egregious harm analysis by applying it to two convictions where there was no accomplice witness issue?

2. Did the court of appeals employ a deficient egregious harm analysis where it failed to consider whether related extraneous offense evidence supplied sufficient corroboration of an accomplice's testimony?

15-0480 LONDON, JOSHUA

APPELLANT'S HARRIS

06/24/15 POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

The Court of Appeals determined that the constitutional challenge to the Sheriff's fees could not be raised for the first time on appeal. The basis for the challenge was not available to Mr. London until 19 days after the judgment was signed. Did the Court of Appeals err in refusing to consider a challenge that was only available post-trial, in derogation of Landers v. State?

15-0483 TOTTEN, RUBEN STATE'S

HARRIS

08/26/15 POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

1. This case should be remanded because an error in the record invalidates the basis for the appeal.

2. Is the possibility that an officer detained the wrong vehicle, without more, determinative of the lawfulness of a detention such that an article 38.23 instruction is required?

3. Is an appellant who identifies no disputed fact issue at trial but raises multiple issues on appeal entitled to the "some harm" standard for preserved charge error?

4. Should the harm analysis for the failure to give an article 38.23 instruction assume the jury would have found in the defendant's favor, or is that the point of the analysis?

15-0511 HENRY, ALVIN PETER, JR. APPELLANT'S LAMAR

10/07/15 EVADING ARREST

3. When the State failed to properly link Petitioner to the enhancement paragraphs, did the Sixth District Court of Appeals unreasonably hold that Petitioner and Coleman's testimony (showing that Petitioner has been to prison multiple times) is sufficient to uphold the prior enhancement convictions, and is this ruling in conflict with Prihada v. State [sic]?

15-0526 SCHUNIOR, VICTOR MANUEL, JR. WEBB

09/16/15 AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

- 1. Is the limitations period for aggravated assault governed by Article 12.01(7) rather than Article 12.03(d) of the Code of Criminal Procedure?
- 2. If the limitations period for aggravated assault is governed by Article 12.03(d), does the lesser-included offense with the greater limitations period control when the lesser-included offenses of the aggravated assault include both misdemeanor assault and a felony?

15-0587 JONES, ANDREW OLEVIA HARRIS

08/26/15 ASSAULT The Court of Appeals erred in dismissing Mr. Jones's appeal because, as argued in his brief on appeal, the trial court's certification of right to appeal was defective in stating that he had waived his right to appeal. Mr. Jones believes the Court of Appeals incorrectly applied this Court's decision in Ex parte Broadway, 301 S.W.3d 694 (Tex. Crim. App. 2009), and failed to follow Ex parte Delaney, 207 S.W.3d 794 (Tex. Crim. App. 2006), which more aptly fits the circumstances of Mr. Jones's plea.

15-0597 SHORTT, BERNARD WINFIELD APPELLANT'S

09/16/15 **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION**

The Court of Appeals erred when it dismissed Appellant's appeal for want of jurisdiction because: (1) Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Article 44.02 allows appeals from a criminal action, and under this Court's holding in Bautsch v. Galveston, 11 S.W. 414 (Tex. Ct. App. 1889), a hearing on a motion for shock probation is a criminal action; and (2) the issue appealed was an unconstitutional imposition of restitution, and not the granting of shock probation itself.

SIMPSON, MARK TWAIN 15-0599 **APPELLANT'S**

09/23/15 ROBBERY

Whether Simpson produced evidence or pointed to evidence in the trial record that substantiated his legal claim in his motion for new trial.

15-0659 WAGNER, PAUL HENRI APPELLANT'S **DALLAS**

11/11/15 **VIOLATING A PROTECTIVE**

- 1. What is the correct definition of the phrase "communicating . . . in a . . . harassing manner" as used in the statute for protective orders in family violence cases, and, as applied in this case, did it penalize protected speech in violation of Petitioner's First Amendment rights? [Tex. Pen. Code § 25.07(A)(1)(A)]
- 2. Whether this is a "content-based" First Amendment case and ought to have been decided by a different standard of review, "strict scrutiny" as enunciated in the case of Ex parte Lo.
- 3. If strict scrutiny is the proper standard of review, whether the correct standard of review can be waived.

CLEMENT, DAVID LEE, JR. 15-0681 STATE'S

DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED

- 1. Does a suppression motion's mere citation to the Fourth Amendment and probable cause, or a belated closing argument that anything after the "stop" be suppressed due to lack of probable cause for "arrest," preserve an illegal arrest claim?

 2. Did the lower court err by basing its illegal arrest holding on the officer's subjective reasoning rather than the objective facts
- he articulated that routinely support a DWI arrest?

15-0730 TATE, DALLAS CARL STATE'S

MONTAGUE

10/14/15 POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED **SUBSTANCE**

Did the court of appeals ignore multitude rules of sufficiency review and substitute its judgment for the jury's when it held there was insufficient evidence connecting appellant to the contraband found in plain view in the center console of a car that he owned and was driving?

MORGAN, DEWAN 15-0758 STATE'S

DENTON

09/16/15 **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION**

- 1. In burglary of habitation cases, must trial and appellate courts utilize property law to determine who qualifies as the "owner" of a habitation as defined by the Penal Code?
- 2. To qualify as "entry without the effective consent of the owner" how much time must elapse after a victim revokes consent for her live-in boyfriend to enter her home for his forcible entry to be deemed a burglary?

HOPKINS, ESSIE D. 15-0794 **APPELLANT'S**

DALLAS

09/16/15 AGGRAVATED ROBBERY

The Court of Appeals erred in finding the evidence sufficient to prove the enhancement allegations.

15-0832 JENKINS, JAMES ALAN **MONTGOMERY**

09/16/15 **ILLEGAL VOTING**

STATE'S

- 1. The Court of Appeals Erred in Failing to Affirm the Trial Court's Ruling Denying Appellant's Request for a Section 8.03 Mistake of Law Instruction.
- 2. The Court of Appeals Erred in Finding that Appellant Was Harmed by the Trial Court's Failure to Provide a Section 8.03 Mistake of Law Instruction.

15-0847 MILES, KOJUAN J.

12/09/15

15-0848

STATE'S

HARRIS

COMPELLING PROSTITUTION SEXUAL ASSAULT OF A CHILD

Did the court of appeals err in holding that section 3.03(b) of the Texas Penal Code does not allow the cumulation of sentences for two offenses listed within different paragraphs of subsection (b) of the stacking statute.

15-0887 HANKSTON, GAREIC JERARD APPELLANT'S HARRIS 02/03/16 MURDER

1. Did the Court of Appeals err when it "utilize[d] Fourth Amendment precedent" in determining Art. 1 Section 9 of the Texas Constitution was not violated when the State obtained Appellant's cell phone records without a warrant in light of *Richardson v. State*, 865 S.W.2d [9]44 (Tex. Crim. App. 1993)?

15-0891 APPELLANT'S

MILLER, ARTHUR FRANKLIN, JR.

COLLIN, JR.

01/13/16 AGGRAVATED SEXUAL

ASSAULT,

INDECENCY WITH A CHILD

Did the Court of Appeals err by finding that trial counsel's deficient performance regarding Appellant's probation eligibility, which Appellant relied upon in waiving his constitutional right to a jury trial, was not prejudicial under Strickland?

15-0974 ROBINSON, OLIN ANTHONY APPELLANT'S JACKSON

11/04/15 ASSAULT

- 1. The Court of Appeals erred in reversing the order of the trial court on the basis that the trial court lacked jurisdiction to enter the order of "shock probation" after remand from the Court of Appeals.
- 2. The Court of Appeals erred in reversing the trial court's order on the basis that the trial court lacked subject-matter jurisdiction over the Petitioner's motion for "shock probation" after remand.
- 3. The Court of Appeals did not have the subject-matter jurisdiction to entertain a direct appeal from a trial court granting continuing jurisdiction community supervision.

15-0984 LONG, WENDEE STATE'S

DENTON

11/04/15 UNLAWFUL INTERCEPTION OF ORAL COMMUNICATION

- 1. Does Penal Code section 16.02 prohibit intercepting and disclosing the contents of an oral communication even when the speaker has no expectation that his words will not be repeated by those present?
- 2. Does a basketball coach have a justifiable expectation that his pep talk in a girls' locker room will not be secretly recorded by a former player?

15-0992 BURKS, ANTWAIN FO

FORT BEND

11/25/15 TAMPERING WITH EVIDENCE

Petitioner avers that the Honorable Court of Appeals for the Fourteenth District erred in holding that the Trial Court submitted sufficient evidence of Tampering with Evidence when in fact the evidence did not support the finding that Petitioner "Tampered with Evidence" at all; more specifically, a "CORPSE".

15-1051 STATE'S SUTTON, CHRISTOPHER LEE MONTGOMERY

01/27/16 IMPROPER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN EDUCATOR AND STUDENT

- 1. The Ninth Court of Appeals, in a 2-1 decision, incorrectly interpreted section 21.12(a) of the Penal Code to require the accused to be an official employee of a particular school, rather than the school district, to be considered an "employee of a public or private primary or secondary school."
- 2. The lower court abandoned the correct standard of review in holding that the jury could not reasonably infer the appellant worked at a particular school where the evidence showed he was required to supervise police activities at that school and he was known to have been physically present on campus while exercising his employment duties.

15-1054 METTS, ANTHONY AUSTIN

02/03/16

15-1055

APPELLANT'S

MIDLAND

SEXUAL ASSAULT

The Eleventh Court of Appeals erred in holding that a district judge who presided over a probation revocation proceeding, adjudicated guilt, and assessed a prison sentence was not constitutionally and statutorily disqualified even though she previously represented the State in the same case by waiving the State's right to a jury trial when the defendant accepted a plea bargain.

15-1067 PERRY, JAMES RICHARD "RICK" APPELLANT'S & STATE'S TRAVIS

10/07/15 ABUSE OF OFFICIAL CAPACITY COERCION OF A PUBLIC SERVANT

APPELLANT'S GROUNDS FOR REVIEW:

1. Whether the Third Court of Appeals erred by holding that all nine of Governor Perry's constitutional challenges to Count I were "as applied" challenges to the abuse of official capacity statute and therefore not cognizable in a pretrial application for writ of habeas corpus?

2. Whether the Third Court of Appeals erred by holding that Governor Perry's challenges to Count I based upon Article II, Section I of the Texas Constitution — separation of powers — were "as applied" challenges to the abuse of official capacity

statute and therefore not cognizable in a pretrial application for writ of habeas corpus?

- 3. Whether the Third Court of Appeals erred by holding that Governor Perry's challenges to Count I based upon Article III, Section 21 of the Texas Constitution Speech and Debate Clause and common law legislative immunity were "as applied" challenges to the abuse of official capacity statute and therefore not cognizable in a pretrial application for writ of habeas corpus?
- 4. Whether, even if all of Governor Perry's constitutional challenges to Count I were in fact "as applied" challenges, the Third Court of Appeals erred in failing to recognize that the same rationale that requires "exceptions" for other "as applied" challenges specifically prosecutions that would constitute double jeopardy or would be barred by limitations should apply, with even greater force, to a prosecution based solely on a defendant's exercise of conduct protected by the Speech and Debate Clause and the Separation of Powers provisions of the Texas Constitution and the common law doctrine of legislative immunity?

STATE'S GROUNDS FOR REVIEW:

- 1. Did the court of appeals incorrectly conflate the tests for First Amendment overbreadth and traditional First Amendment facial unconstitutionality?
- 2. Applying the definition of "coercion" from Tex. Penal Code § 1.07(a)(9)(F), does the Coercion of a Public Servant statute ban a substantial amount of constitutionally protected speech relative to its plainly legitimate sweep?

15-1086 THOMAS, JEREMY APPELLANT'S HARRIS

01/27/16 MURDER

The First Court of Appeals erred by holding that erroneously omitting testimony from a jury's request for read-back would only be harmful if the excluded portion "contradicted" the selected excerpt.

15-1087 BAILEY, LAJUAN CECILE HARRIS

01/13/16 FAILURE TO APPEAR

- 1. The attorney-client privilege belongs to the client and may not be waived without the client's consent. Appellant expressly waived attorney-client privilege but limited the waiver to one extraneous offense. Trial counsel questioned Appellant's previous counsel regarding privileged communications concerning a second extraneous offense without Appellant's consent.
- 2. Did the Court of Appeals err in determining trial counsel's disclosure was not ineffective assistance of counsel but instead an "implied waiver?"
- 3. Does implied waiver under the "offensive use" doctrine apply to the general defense of reasonable excuse provided for in Tex. Pen. Code § 38.10?

- 4. Can implied waiver under Tex. R. Evid. 511 trump Appellant's expressed and specific limitation on the waiver of her attorney-client privilege?
- 5. Did the Court of Appeals improperly shift the burden to Appellant to prove she did not waiver her attorney-client privilege?

15-1094 DARCY, CHRISTOPHER EARL MOORE

11/11/15 BURGLARY OF HABITATION

- 1. Does a defendant forfeit a Sixth Amendment complaint about the State's attempt to communicate with him without counsel at a critical stage if he offers evidence of the communication and does not object to further testimony about it, and must a court of appeals address preservation of error before reversing a conviction on this basis?
- 2. If the State violates a defendant's Sixth Amendment rights by attempting to communicate with him without counsel at a critical stage but no evidence of any incriminating response is offered, does reversible error occur when evidence of the mere fact of the violation is admitted?
- 3. Is it proper to consider unpreserved error in the analysis of harm from a separate error?

15-1100 PROENZA, ABRAHAM JACOB CAMERON

01/13/16 INJURY TO A CHILD

- 1. Is there a common-law "fundamental error" exception to preservation that exists outside of the framework of *Marin v. State*, 851 S.W.2d 275 (Tex. Crim. App. 1993)?
- 2. Is a complaint about a judge's comment on the evidence forfeited if not raised at trial?
- 3. The trial judge's exchange with a witness neither tainted the defendant's presumption of innocence nor vitiated the jury's impartiality, and it was harmless under any standard.

15-1124 WILLIAMS, JAMES EARL APPELLANT'S McLENNAN

02/10/16 MURDER

Whether Appellant is entitled to dismissal of his indictment in 2012-623-C2, which alleges an offense date of June 12, 1998, on the ground that he is entitled to specific performance of a plea agreement entered into in 2002 pursuant to which the State agreed to refuse any other unfiled case of which they had notice.

15-1137 WRIGHT, SIR MELVIN, JR. APPELLANT'S DALLAS

01/27/16 FAILURE TO REGISTER AS SEX OFFENDER

Whether the Court of Appeals incorrectly applied the habeas harmless error analysis in *Ex parte Parrott* and *Ex parte Rich* to Appellant's case on direct appeal.

15-1189 FLORES, MAYRA APPELLANT'S

HARRIS

01/27/16 MURDER

- 1. The Court of Appeals erred in ruling that the audio recording of Mayra's custodial interrogation was admissible notwithstanding the fact that the recording device used was not capable of making an accurate recording.
- 2. The Court of Appeals applied the wrong standard in holding that the recording equipment's failure to record twenty minutes of Mayra's custodial interrogation did not amount to an alteration that rendered the recording unreliable and untrustworthy.
- 3. The Court of Appeals misapplied this Court's holding in *Weatherred* because the audio tape failed to meet the requirements of section three of art. 38.22 and the trial court knew that before its ruling to allow the audio recording into evidence.

15-1238 DRUMMOND, JIMMY EARL STATE'S HARRIS

01/27/16 OFFICIAL OPPRESSION

The court of appeals erred in holding that the running of the statute of limitations was not tolled by the filing of the initial complaint against the appellee when the clear language of the controlling statute states that the filing of a complaint tolls the running of the statute of limitations.

15-1283 CRAWFORD, MILTON RAY APPELLANT'S BRAZOS

01/27/16 FAILURE TO COMPLY

WITH REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

Is TEX. CRIM. PROC. CODE art. 62.102(c) the exclusive enhancement of punishment provision for an offender who repeatedly or habitually fails to register as a sex offender?

15-1317 ZUNIGA, MARY APPELLANT'S

NUECES

01/27/16 TAMPERING WITH PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

Whether the addition of the term "an unknown substance" is sufficient so as to apprise a defendant of what "thing" was considered "evidence" alleged to have been altered, destroyed or concealed?

15-1369 FEBUS, ALBERT JUNIOR APPELLANT'S HARRIS 02/03/16 FAILURE TO REGISTER AS SEX OFFENDER

The evidence is insufficient to support the conviction for the felony offense of failure to comply with sex offender registration requirements since the evidence conclusively establishes a reasonable doubt as to whether appellant intentionally or knowingly failed to comply with the Texas Sex Offender Registration Program, as charged in the indictment. The Court of Appeals reliance on Robinson v. State, No. PD-0421-14, 2015 WL 4068109 (Tex. Crim. App. July 1, 2015) is in error since the indictment required the State to prove, beyond a reasonable doubt, that appellant intentionally or knowingly failed to provide his anticipated move date and new address.